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M O N T A N A

MONTANA'S FARM WORK FORCE LARGER THAN A YEAR AGO: Montana's farm work force for the week of January 12 - 18, 1975 totaled 26,000 workers--up 18 percent from a year ago. Farm operators and unpaid family workers totaled 18,000, while hired workers numbered 8,000. Weather during the survey week was generally mild.

Farm operators and unpaid family members averaged 31.7 hours of work during the January survey week--down 5.1 hours from last year. Hired workers averaged 44.5 hours in January 1975 compared with 44.8 in January 1974.

WAGE RATES CONTINUE UP: Farm wage rates for the week of January 12 - 18 averaged \$2.38 per hour for all methods of pay. This is up 16 cents from a year ago. The National average per hour wage rate for all methods of pay was \$2.49 for the January 1975 survey week.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

Survey Week	Total	Family	Hired
- - - Thousands - - -			
January 6-12, 1974	22	16	6
April 7-13, 1974	37	26	11
July 7-13, 1974	51	31	20
October 6-12, 1974	39	26	13
January 12-18, 1975	26	18	8

This is the first issue of the Farm Labor Report showing estimates of farm employment by quarters based on the Quarterly Agricultural Labor Survey. Future estimates will be issued each quarter.

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

Survey Week	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All Family <u>1/</u>	Hired	All Family <u>1/</u>	Hired
January 6-12, 1974	36.8	44.8	29.6	37.7
April 7-13, 1974	53.5	40.8	35.4	36.3
July 7-13, 1974	57.0	50.7	38.9	33.5
October 6-12, 1974	40.8	47.3	36.9	38.6
January 12-18, 1975	31.7	44.5	29.6	36.3

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

Survey Week	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
	- - Dollars per hour - -	
January 6-12, 1974	2.22	2.27
April 7-13, 1974	1.84	2.21
July 7-13, 1974	1.97	2.13
October 6-12, 1974	2.35	2.57
January 12-18, 1975	2.38	2.49

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M O N T A N A

MONTANA'S FARM WORK FORCE SMALLER THAN YEAR AGO: Montana's farm work force for the week of April 6-12, 1975 totaled 32,000--down 5,000 from a year ago. Farm operators and unpaid family workers totaled 22,000, while hired workers numbered 10,000. Weather during most of April held up spring farm work in all areas of the State.

Farm operators and unpaid family members averaged 44.3 hours of work during the April survey week--down 9.2 hours from last year. Hired workers averaged 49.5 hours or 3.5 more than a year ago.

WAGE RATES HIGHER: Farm wage rates for the week of April 6-12 averaged \$1.94 per hour for all methods of pay. This is up 10 cents from a year ago. The National average per hour wage rate for all methods of pay was \$2.45 for the April 1975 survey week.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

Survey Week	Total	Family	Hired
- - - Thousands - - -			
January 6-12, 1974	32	16	6
April 7-13, 1974	37	26	11
July 7-13, 1974	51	31	20
October 6-12, 1974	39	26	13
January 12-18, 1975	26	18	8
April 6-12, 1975	32	22	10

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

Survey Week	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All Family <u>1/</u>	Hired	All Family <u>1/</u>	Hired
January 6-12, 1974	36.8	44.8	29.6	37.7
April 7-13, 1974	53.5	46.0	35.8	36.5
July 7-13, 1974	57.0	50.7	38.9	33.5
October 6-12, 1974	40.8	47.3	36.9	38.6
January 12-18, 1975	31.7	44.5	29.9	36.2
April 6-12, 1975	44.3	49.5	34.3	35.9

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

Survey Week	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
	- - - Dollars per hour - - -	
January 6-12, 1974	2.22	2.27
April 7-13, 1974	1.84	2.21
July 7-13, 1974	1.97	2.13
October 6-12, 1974	2.35	2.57
January 12-18, 1975	2.38	2.47
April 6-12, 1975	1.94	2.45

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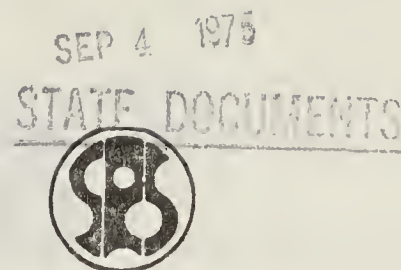


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M O N T A N A

MONTANA'S FARM WORKER NUMBERS DOWN: Farm workers numbered 41,000 in Montana for the week of July 6 - 12, 1975, a decrease of 10,000 workers from the previous year according to the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Of the total farm workers, farm operators and unpaid family workers numbered 26,000 and hired workers accounted for the remaining 15,000. Crops were generally behind normal and late June rains decreased the necessity to irrigate. Haying was in full swing, however, and weather was favorable for summer fallowing.

The average number of hours worked during the July survey week by farm operators and unpaid family members was 56.0--down 1 hour from the previous year. Hired workers, averaging 55.6 hours during the survey week, showed an increase of 4.9 hours over last year.

LOWER WAGE RATES: The average hourly wage received by hired farm workers during the July 6 - 12 survey week was \$1.89 (considering all methods of pay)--down 8 cents per hour from a year ago. Montana's average farm wage rate is 40 cents below the comparable U. S. average of \$2.29 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
- - - Thousands - - -			
July 7-13, 1974	51	31	20
October 6-12, 1974	39	26	13
January 12-18, 1975	26	18	8
April 6-12, 1975 ^{1/}	29	20	9
July 6-12, 1975	41	26	15

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Survey Week	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All Family <u>1/</u>	Hired	All Family <u>1/</u>	Hired
July 7-13, 1974	57.0	50.7	38.9	33.5
October 6-12, 1974	40.8	47.3	36.9	38.6
January 12-18, 1975	31.7	44.5	29.9	36.2
April 6-12, 1975	43.8 <u>2/</u>	49.5	34.3	35.9
July 6-12, 1975	56.0	55.6	39.2	34.9

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages. 2/ Revised.

FARM WAGE RATES

Survey Week	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
	- - - Dollars per hour - - -	
July 7-13, 1974	1.97	2.13
October 6-12, 1974	2.35	2.57
January 12-18, 1975	2.38	2.47
April 6-12, 1975	1.94	2.42 <u>1/</u>
July 6-12, 1975	1.89	2.29

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FARM WORKERS IN MONTANA DECLINE: Farm workers in Montana totaled 33,000 for the week of October 12 - 18--a decrease of 6,000 workers from the previous year (October 6-12, 1974) according to the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Of the total farm workers, farm operators and unpaid family workers numbered 23,000 and hired workers accounted for the remaining 10,000. Harvesting sugarbeets and potatoes was in full swing during the survey week but grain and hay harvest was generally complete. There was also considerable farm activity involving moving livestock from summer ranges and marketing.

The average number of hours worked during the October survey week by farm operators and unpaid family members was 39.7--down 1.1 hours from the previous year. Hired workers averaging 43.9 hours during the survey week showed a decrease of 3.4 hours from last year.

HIGHER WAGE RATES: The average hourly wage received by hired farm workers during the October 12 - 18 survey week was \$2.55 (includes all methods of pay)--up 20 cents per hour from a year ago. Montana's average farm wage rate is 8 cents below the comparable U. S. average of \$2.63 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
- - - Thousands - - -			
October 6-12, 1974	39	26	13
January 12-18, 1975	26	18	8
April 6-12, 1975	29	20	9
July 6-12, 1975	41	26	15
October 12-18, 1975	33	23	10

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family 1/	Hired	All family 1/	Hired
October 6-12, 1974	40.8	47.3	36.9	38.6
January 12-18, 1975	31.7	44.5	29.9	36.2
April 6-12, 1975	43.8	49.5	34.3	35.9
July 6-12, 1975	56.0	55.6	39.1 <u>2/</u>	34.9
October 12-18, 1975	39.7	43.9	38.1	38.8

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages. 2/ Revised.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
	- - - Dollars per hour - - -	
October 6-12, 1974	2.35	2.43 <u>1/</u>
January 12-18, 1975	2.38	2.47
April 6-12, 1975	1.94	2.42
July 6-12, 1975	1.89	2.29
October 12-18, 1975	2.55	2.63

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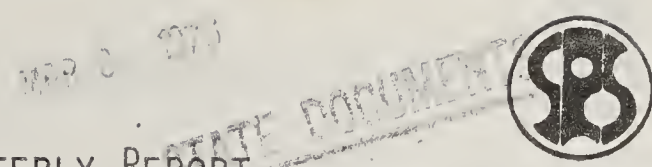


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FARM WORKERS IN MONTANA UP: Farm workers in Montana totaled 28,000 for the week of January 11 - 17, an increase of 2,000 workers from the previous year (January 12 - 18, 1975), according to the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Of the total farm workers, hired workers totaled 7,000 and farm operators and unpaid family workers numbered 21,000. Farm work consisted mainly of livestock care during the survey week.

The average number of hours worked during the January Survey by farm operators and unpaid family members was 34.3--up 2.6 hours from last year. Hired workers averaging 46.1 during the survey week showed an increase of 1.6 hours from last year.

HIGHER WAGE RATES: The average hourly wage received by hired farm workers during the January 11 - 17 survey week was \$2.53--up 15 cents per hour from a year ago. Montana's average farm wage rate is 23 cents below the comparable U. S. average of \$2.76 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS			
SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
	- - - - - Thousands - - - - -		
January 12-18, 1975	26	18	8
April 6-12, 1975	29	20	9
July 6-12, 1975	41	26	15
October 12-18, 1975	33	23	10
January 11-17, 1976	28	21	7

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family 1/	Hired	All family 1/	Hired
January 12-18, 1975	31.7	44.5	29.9	36.2
April 6-12, 1975	43.8	49.5	34.3	35.9
July 6-12, 1975	56.0	55.6	39.1	34.9
October 12-18, 1975	39.7	43.9	38.1 2/	38.8
January 11-17, 1976	34.3	46.1	28.5	36.9

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages. 2/ Revised.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
	- - - - Dollars per hour - - - -	
January 12-18, 1975	2.38	2.47
April 6-12, 1975	1.94	2.42
July 6-12, 1975	1.89	2.29
October 12-18, 1975	2.55	2.63
January 11-17, 1976	2.53	2.76

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FARM WORKERS INCREASE IN MONTANA: Farm workers in Montana totaled 34,000 for the week of April 11-17, an increase of 5,000 workers from the previous year for the same period, according to the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Of the total farm workers, hired workers amounted to 9,000, the same as last year, and family workers at 25,000 were up 5,000. Spring farm and ranch work has been ahead of usual this year.

The average number of hours worked during the April survey by farm operators and unpaid family members was 52.7--up 8.9 from last year. Hired workers averaged 51.3 hours per week this year compared with 49.5 last year.

WAGE RATE INCREASE: The average hourly wage received by hired farm workers during the April 11-17 survey week was \$2.20--up 26 cents per hour from a year ago. Montana's average farm wage rate is 46 cents below the comparable U.S. average of \$2.66 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
- - - - - Thousands - - - - -			
April 6-12, 1975	29	20	9
July 6-12, 1975	41	26	15
October 12-18, 1975	33	23	10
January 11-17, 1976	28	21	7
April 11-17, 1976	34	25	9

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family 1/	Hired	All family 1/	Hired
April 6-12 1975	43.8	49.5	34.3	35.9
July 6-12, 1975	56.0	55.6	39.1	34.9
October 12-18, 1975	39.7	43.9	38.1	38.8
January 11-17, 1976	34.3	46.1	28.5	36.9
April 11-17, 1976	52.7	51.3	35.9	37.2

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
	- - - - Dollars per hour - - - -	
April 6-12, 1975	1.94	2.42
July 6-12, 1975	1.89	2.29
October 12-18, 1975	2.55	2.63
January 11-17, 1976	2.53	2.75 1/
April 11-17, 1976	2.20	2.66

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M O N T A N A

NUMBER OF FARM WORKERS DECREASE: Farm workers in Montana numbered 39,000 for the week of July 11-17--a decrease of 2,000 from the same period last year according to the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Of the total farm workers, farm operators and unpaid family members numbered 27,000. Hired workers accounted for the remaining 12,000--down 3,000 from last year. Crops were ahead of normal, with weather generally being favorable for haying and summer fallowing.

The average number of hours worked during the July survey by farm operators and unpaid family members were 52.7--down 3.3 hours from last year. Average number of hours worked for hired workers was also down--52.1 compared with 55.6 last year.

WAGE RATES UP: The average hourly wages received by hired farm workers during the July 11-17 survey week was \$2.08--a 19 cent an hour increase from a year ago. Montana's average farm wage rate is 45 cents below the comparable U. S. average of \$2.53 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
- - Thousands - -			
July 6-12, 1975	41	26	15
October 12-18, 1975	33	23	10
January 11-17, 1976	28	21	7
April 11-17, 1976	34	25	9
July 11-17, 1976	39	27	12

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family 1/	Hired	All family 1/	Hired
July 6-12, 1975	56.0	55.6	39.1	34.9
October 12-18, 1975	39.7	43.9	38.1	38.8
January 11-17, 1976	34.3	46.1	28.5	36.9
April 11-17, 1976	52.7	51.3	35.9	37.2
July 11-17, 1976	52.7	52.1	37.5	35.1

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
July 6-12, 1975	1.89	2.29
October 12-18, 1975	2.55	2.63
January 11-17, 1976	2.53	2.75
April 11-17, 1976	2.20	2.66
July 11-17, 1976	2.08	2.53

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M O N T A N A

FARM WORKERS DECREASE: The number of farm workers employed in Montana for the week of October 10-16 is estimated at 32,000. Last year at this time, the count of farm workers totaled 33,000. Of the total farm workers, farm operators and unpaid family members numbered 23,000. Hired workers accounted for the remaining 9,000--down 1,000 from last year.

The average number of hours worked during the October survey by farm operators and unpaid family members was 46.5--up 6.8 hours from last year. Hired workers averaged 47.5 hours per week this year compared with 43.9 last year.

WAGE RATES DOWN: The average hourly wage received by hired farm workers during the October 10-16 survey week was \$2.42--down 13 cents per hour from a year ago. Montana's average farm wage rate is 38 cents below the comparable U. S. average of \$2.80 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
- - Thousands - -			
October 12-18, 1975	33	23	10
January 11-17, 1976	28	21	7
April 11-17, 1976	34	25	9
July 11-17, 1976	39	27	12
October 10-16, 1976	32	23	9

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family <u>1/</u>	Hired	All family <u>1/</u>	Hired
October 12-18, 1975	39.7	43.9	38.1	38.8
January 11-17, 1976	34.3	46.1	28.5	36.9
April 11-17, 1976	52.7	51.3	35.9	37.2
July 11-17, 1976	52.7	52.1	37.5	35.1
October 10-16, 1976	46.5	47.5	38.1	39.1

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
October 12-18, 1975	2.55	2.63
January 11-17, 1976	2.53	2.75
April 11-17, 1976	2.20	2.66
July 11-17, 1976	2.08	2.53
October 10-16, 1976	2.42	2.80

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NUMBER OF MONTANA FARM WORKERS DECREASE: The number of farm workers employed in Montana for the week of January 9-15, was estimated at 22,600. This is a decrease of 5,400 workers from the same period last year. Of the total farm workers, farm operators and unpaid family members accounted for 18,000--down 3,000 from last year. The remaining 4,600 were hired workers.

The average number of hours worked during the January Survey by farm operators and unpaid family members was 39.6--up 5.3 from last year. Hired workers averaged 43.5 hours for the week compared with 46.1 a year earlier.

WAGE RATES UP: Farm wage rates for all methods of pay converted to any hourly rate averaged \$2.58 during the January 9-15 survey week. A year ago, the average was \$2.53. Montana's average farm rate is 38 cents below the comparable U. S. average of \$2.96 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS			
SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
----- Thousands -----			
January 11-17, 1976	28.0	21.0	7.0
April 11-17, 1976	34.0	25.0	9.0
July 11-17, 1976	39.0	27.0	12.0
October 10-16, 1976	32.0	23.0	9.0
January 9-15, 1977	22.6	18.0	4.6

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family ^{1/}	Hired	All family ^{1/}	Hired
	<u>Hours</u>		<u>Hours</u>	
January 11-17, 1976	34.3	46.1	28.5	36.9
April 11-17, 1976	52.7	51.3	35.9	37.2
July 11-17, 1976	52.7	52.1	37.5	35.1
October 10-16, 1976	46.5	47.5	38.1	39.1
January 9-15, 1977	39.6	43.5	27.8	36.1

^{1/} Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
	<u>Dollars per hour</u>	<u>Dollars per hour</u>
January 11-17, 1976	2.53	2.75
April 11-17, 1976	2.20	2.66
July 11-17, 1976	2.08	2.53
October 10-16, 1976	2.42	2.80
January 9-15, 1977	2.58	2.96

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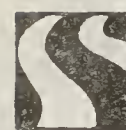
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FARM WORKERS INCREASE: The total number of workers on Montana farms was estimated at 36,000 during the week of April 10-16, 1977. This is 13,400 more than the previous survey week in January, 1977 and 2,000 more than the same period last year. Hired workers accounted for 8,000 and family workers 28,000 of the total farm workers. Hired workers were down 1,000 but family workers were up 3,000 from the comparable period last year.

The average number of hours worked during the April survey period by all family workers was 52.3 and 50.2 for hired workers.

WAGE RATES UP: Farm wage rates for all methods of pay converted to an hourly rate averaged \$2.30 this April compared with \$2.20 a year ago. Montana's average farm rate is 52 cents below the comparable U. S. average of \$2.82 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK		TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
		-----Thousands-----		
April	11-17, 1976	34.0	25.0	9.0
July	11-17, 1976	39.0	27.0	12.0
October	10-16, 1976	32.0	23.0	9.0
January	9-15, 1977	22.6	18.0	4.6
April	10-16, 1977	36.0	28.0	8.0

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family <u>1/</u>	Hired	All family <u>1/</u>	Hired
April 11-17, 1976	52.7	51.3	35.9	37.2
July 11-17, 1976	52.7	52.1	37.5	35.1
October 10-16, 1976	46.5	47.5	38.1	39.1
January 9-15, 1977	39.6	43.5	27.8	36.1
April 10-16, 1977	52.3	50.2	35.8	39.7

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
	----- Dollars per hour -----	
April 11-17, 1976	2.20	2.66
July 11-17, 1976	2.08	2.53
October 10-16, 1976	2.42	2.80
January 9-15, 1977	2.58	2.96
April 10-16, 1977	2.30	2.82

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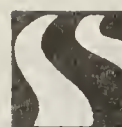
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FARM LABOR FORCE UP: The total number of workers on Montana farms during the survey week of July 10-16, 1977 was estimated at 41,000--5 percent more than last year. Farm operators plus unpaid family members accounted for 29,000, 7 percent more than the same period a year ago. The remaining 12,000 was hired labor, unchanged from the previous year.

Farm operators worked an average of 61 hours per week--up 6 percent from last year. Hired workers averaged 57.8 hours and all family members 59.2--both increases over the previous year.

WAGE RATES INCREASE: Wage rates for all methods of pay converted to an hourly wage, averaged \$2.10 during the July Survey week. Last year, the rate was \$2.08 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK		TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRE
		----- Thousands -----		
July	11-17, 1976	39.0	27.0	12.0
October	10-16, 1976	32.0	23.0	9.0
January	9-15, 1977	22.6	18.0	4.6
April	10-16, 1977	36.0	28.0	8.0
July	10-16, 1977	41.0	29.0	12.0

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family ^{1/}	Hired	All family ^{1/}	Hired
July 11-17, 1976	52.7	52.1	37.1	35.1
October 10-16, 1976	46.5	47.5	38.1	39.1
January 9-15, 1977	39.6	43.5	27.8	36.1
April 10-16, 1977	52.3	50.2	35.8	39.7
July 10-16, 1977	56.2	57.8	38.6	35.5

^{1/} Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
----- Dollars per hour -----		
July 11-17, 1976	2.08	2.53
October 10-16, 1976	2.42	2.80
January 9-15, 1977	2.58	2.96
April 10-16, 1977	2.30	2.82
July 10-16, 1977	2.10	2.77

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FARM LABOR FORCE DECLINES: The estimated total number of workers on Montana farms during the survey week of October 9-15, 1977 was 28,000, 12 percent less than last year. Farm operators plus unpaid family members working 15 hours or more accounted for 22,000. Hired labor numbered 6,000--33 percent less than last year.

Family members worked an average of 43.3 hours per week compared with 46.5 hours last year. Hired workers averaged 49.7 hours per week--up slightly from last year.

WAGE RATE DOWN: Wage rates for all methods of pay converted to an hourly wage, averaged an estimated \$2.37--down 2 percent from last year.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	- HIRED
----- Thousands -----			
October 10-16, 1976	32.0	23.0	9.0
January 9-15, 1977	22.6	18.0	4.6
April 10-16, 1977	36.0	28.0	8.0
July 10-16, 1977	41.0	29.0	12.0
October 9-15, 1977	28.0	22.0	6.0

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family ^{1/}	Hired	All family ^{1/}	Hired
October 10-16, 1976	46.5	47.5	38.1	39.1
January 9-15, 1977	39.6	43.5	27.8	36.1
April 10-16, 1977	52.3	50.2	35.8	39.7
July 10-16, 1977	56.2	57.8	38.6	35.5
October 9-15, 1977	43.3	49.7	39.0	39.4

^{1/} Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
----- Dollars per hour -----		
October 10-16, 1976	2.42	2.80
January 9-15, 1977	2.58	2.96
April 10-16, 1977	2.30	2.82
July 10-16, 1977	2.10	2.77
October 9-15, 1977	2.37	2.99

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FARM WORKERS INCREASE: Total workers on Montana farms during the week of January 8-14 1978 was estimated at 24,500. This was 8 percent more than January 1977. Farm operators plus unpaid family members working 15 hours or more per week totaled 20,000--up 11 percent from last year, while hired workers numbered 4,500, about the same as last year.

Family members worked an average of 40.7 hours per week, while hired workers averaged 48.0 hours, which was well above the national average.

WAGE RATES DOWN: Wage rates paid to all hired farm workers averaged \$2.50 per hour during the survey week--3 percent less than last year and 21 percent less than the national average.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
----- Thousands -----			
January 9-15, 1977	22.6	18.0	4.6
April 10-16, 1977	36.0	28.0	8.0
July 10-16, 1977	41.0	29.0	12.0
October 9-15, 1977	28.0	22.0	6.0
January 8-14, 1978	24.5	20.0	4.5

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family ^{1/}	Hired	All family ^{1/}	Hired
January 9-15, 1977	39.6	43.5	27.8	36.1
April 10-16, 1977	52.3	50.2	35.8	39.7
July 10-16, 1977	56.2	57.8	38.6	35.5
October 9-15, 1977	43.3	49.7	39.0	39.4
January 8-14, 1978	40.7	48.0	28.5	34.6

^{1/} Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
----- Dollars per hour -----		
January 9-15, 1977	2.58	2.96
April 10-16, 1977	2.30	2.82
July 10-16, 1977	2.10	2.77
October 9-15, 1977	2.37	2.99
January 8-14, 1978	2.50	3.18

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FARM WORKERS INCREASE: The total number of workers on Montana farms was estimated at 34,100 during the week of April 9-15, 1978. This is 9,600 more than the previous survey week in January, 1978 but 1,900 less than the same period last year. Hired workers accounted for 7,100 and family workers 27,000 of the total farm workers. Hired workers were down 900 and family workers were down 1,000 from the comparable period last year.

The average number of hours worked during the April survey period by all family workers was 45.9 and 45.4 for hired workers.

WAGE RATES UP: Farm wage rates for all methods of pay converted to an hourly rate averaged \$2.72 this April compared with \$2.30 a year ago. Montana's average farm rate is 37 cents below the comparable U. S. average of \$3.09 per hour.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK		TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
April	10-16, 1977	36.0	28.0	8.0
July	10-16, 1977	41.0	29.0	12.0
October	9-15, 1977	28.0	22.0	6.0
January	8-14, 1978	24.5	20.0	4.5
April	9-15, 1978	34.1	27.0	7.1

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family <u>1/</u>	Hired	All family <u>1/</u>	Hired
April 10-16, 1977	52.3	50.2	35.8	39.7
July 10-16, 1977	56.2	57.8	38.6	35.5
October 9-15, 1977	43.3	49.7	39.0	39.4
January 8-14, 1978	40.7	48.0	28.5	34.6
April 9-15, 1978	45.9	45.4	34.7	37.7

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
----- Dollars per hour -----		
April 10-16, 1977	2.30	2.82
July 10-16, 1977	2.10	2.77
October 9-15, 1977	2.37	2.99
January 8-14, 1978	2.50	3.18
April 9-15, 1978	2.72	3.09

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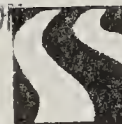
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NUMBER OF FARM WORKERS UP FROM A YEAR AGO: The total number of Montana farm workers was estimated at 31,600 during the week of October 8-14, 1978. This represents an increase of 3,600 workers over the same period a year ago, but is a decrease of 9,400 workers from the previous survey week in July 1978. Hired workers accounted for 5,600 and family workers 26,000 of the total farm work force. Hired workers remained virtually the same, while family workers increased by 4,000 over the comparable period last year.

The average number of hours worked during the October survey week by all family workers was 41.8, while hired workers averaged 55.9.

FARM WAGE RATES ABOVE LAST YEAR: Farm wage rates for all methods of pay converted to an hourly rate averaged \$2.53 this October compared with \$2.37 a year ago. Montana's average farm wage rate is 65 cents below the comparable U. S. average of \$3.18 per hour. Also, Montana hired workers worked 17.1 hours per week more than the national average.

WORKERS ON MONTANA FARMS

SURVEY WEEK	TOTAL	FAMILY	HIRED
October 9-15, 1977	28.0	22.0	6.0
January 8-14, 1978	24.5	20.0	4.5
April 9-15, 1978	34.1	27.0	7.1
July 9-15, 1978	41.0	27.0	14.0
October 8-14, 1978	31.6	26.0	5.6

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HOURS WORKED PER WORKER PER WEEK

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A		UNITED STATES	
	All family <u>1/</u>	Hired	All family <u>1/</u>	Hired
October 9-15, 1977	43.5	49.7	39.0	39.4
January 8-14, 1978	40.7	48.0	28.5	34.6
April 9-15, 1978	45.9	45.4	34.7	37.7
July 9-15, 1978	55.9	48.4	39.3	35.8
October 8-14, 1978	41.8	55.9	40.4	38.8

1/ Included are family members other than the operator who worked more than 15 hours per week without receiving cash wages.

FARM WAGE RATES

SURVEY WEEK	M O N T A N A	UNITED STATES
	All hired farm workers	All hired farm workers
----- Dollars per hour -----		
October 9-15, 1977	2.37	2.99
January 8-14, 1978	2.50	3.18
April 9-15, 1978	2.72	3.09
July 9-15, 1978	2.38	2.93
October 8-14, 1978	2.53	3.18

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